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## **ITEM 1. Proposed Project**

### **Overview**

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### **Bridgeport District-Winter**

The Bridgeport District includes Sonora Pass, Virginia Lakes, Green Creek, Buckeye and the Sweetwater Mountains. Four miles of groomed routes exist at the Sonora Pass area from Pickle Meadows to Leavitt Lake. The remaining areas are ungroomed. The Bridgeport District, including Sonora Pass and Virginia Lakes areas, offers challenging snowmobile riding opportunities for advanced riders. Vehicles park at an undesignated area on Highway 108, near Pickel Meadows and ride snowmobiles North and South of Sonora pass. Much of the riding is occurring within the 72,000 acres of proposed Hoover Wilderness. Patrols will occur in Sonora Pass and in Buckeye, Sweetwater Range, Virginia Lakes and Green Creek.

### **Carson District-Winter**

Hope Valley encompasses 65,000 acres. It is the most frequented area for over-snow vehicles on the Carson Ranger District. Miles of groomed trail (Blue Lakes Road), open riding areas, scenic vistas, and little-used trails make this area popular for Lake Tahoe and Sacramento based snowmobilers and by people living along the East side of the Sierra Nevada's. The Alpine Management Area includes Blue Lakes, Hawkins Peak, Scotts Lake, Willow Creek, Crater Lake, Poor Boy, Monitor Pass, and Ebbetts Pass. Monitor Pass and Carson River areas are open except in restricted areas containing a seasonal closure from November 15-March 31, to protect carnivore habitat. The Hope Valley Sno-Park (formerly Blue Lakes staging area), was dedicated as a California Sno-Park in the fall of 1999. There are 25 miles of groomed snowmobile trails and 10 miles of ungroomed, trails within this area. Patrols will occur in Hope Valley, Scotts Lake, Monitor Pass, Ebbetts Pass and Dog Valley.

### **Bridgeport District-Summer**

The Bridgeport District includes Sonora Pass, Virginia Lakes, Green Creek, Buckeye and the Sweetwater Mountains. Roads and trails range in elevation from 5,000 feet to 11,672 at the top of Mt. Patterson. Duties include compliance checks on OHVs for proper equipment, safety items, and travel on designated routes.

### **Carson District-Summer**

The Carson District has 390 miles of OHV roads and trails within 635,270 acres that range in elevation from 5,000 feet to 9000 feet in elevation. Summer OHV visitors average 25,000 person-days per year with a growth rate of 15% per year, based on increasing sales at retail stores in the Carson and Reno Area. Approximately 40% percent of OHV visits to the HTNF come from Nevada residents who purchase California non-resident permits.

## **ITEM 2. Project Coverage**

### **Bridgeport District-Winter**

Much of the riding is occurring within the 72,000 acres of proposed Hoover Wilderness. Patrols will occur in Sonora Pass and also in Buckeye, Sweetwater Range, Virginia Lakes and Green Creek.

### **Carson District-Winter**

Hope Valley encompasses 65,000 acres. California Sno-Park (Hope Valley) contains 25 miles of groomed snowmobile trails and 10 miles of ungroomed trails within this area.

Carson-Bridgeport District-Summer

Provides OHV opportunities on 390 miles of roads within 635,270 acres in California.

**ITEM 3. Describe the frequency of the patrols**

For the Carson and Bridgeport Ranger Districts, we will average four days per week of patrol, both summer and winter, pending weather and environmental conditions and use patterns at the time of patrol.

**ITEM 4. Deployment of Personnel**

Funds will be used to pay salaries for law enforcement personnel in the state of California on the Bridgeport and Carson Districts of the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest (HTNF). This application requests wages for four Forest Protection Officers (FPO's), and three Law Enforcement Officers. Duties include compliance checks (OHV and OSV's), signing and patrolling wilderness boundaries, public education, maintaining bulletin boards and directional signs along snowmobile trails as well as in Hope Valley Snow Park and other staging areas.

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1. Identify areas with high priority law enforcement needs because of public safety, cultural resources, and sensitive environmental habitats, including wilderness areas and areas of critical environmental concerns:  
  
Sonora Pass, Virginia Lakes, Sweetwater Mountains and Leavitt Lake are our high priority law enforcement needs. The Hoover Wilderness and proposed additions to this wilderness experience continued intrusions and are a high priority also for us to control. Hope Valley is the one area of sensitive habitats.
2. Describe how the proposed Project relates to OHV Recreation and will sustain OHV Recreation, motorized off-highway access to non-motorized recreation, or OHV Opportunities associated with the Project Area:  
  
How proposed project relates to OHV Recreation: Law Enforcement and OHV Program Managers continue to be the primary on-the-ground educators with the public in all aspects of proper forest use, public safety and public awareness. Contact is made with OHV users on a daily basis to educate those users on safe OHV use and directing users to approved areas for those uses. Work continues with numerous OHV clubs and volunteer groups to assist in the education process of forest OHV users.  
Sustain OHV: Forest Service engineers and soil scientists are used to design and designate use areas. Resource damage has been reduced by consulting with Forest Service soils and fisheries specialists to determine the season of use and seasonal closures. Law enforcement and Forest Protection Officers work with OHV volunteer groups to assist in education of user groups on proper riding etiquette and awareness of resource concerns, i.e., reducing intrusions into wilderness areas.
3. Describe the Applicant's formal or informal cooperation with other law enforcement agencies:  
  
Last winter, the Carson and Bridgeport Law Enforcement Officers (LEO's), and Forest Protection Officers (FPO's) conducted joint patrols along wilderness boundaries within each District. Annually, we conduct similar operations with the Eldorado and Stanislaus National Forests with contiguous wilderness boundaries.  
LEO's and FPO's have partnered with State and County Officers in joint patrols and information sharing. Joint operations involving overflights to locate wilderness intrusions, as well as identifying new access points into wilderness areas, have been conducted each winter. Those areas are being mapped to assist in narrowing-down the areas needing more patrols to increase LEO efficiency.  
Carson and Bridgeport Ranger Districts now have a full-time LEO on each District.

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4. Does the Applicant recover a portion of the law enforcement costs directly associated with privately sponsored OHV events where sponsors have obtained a local permit? ☐ Yes ☒ No  
(Please select Yes or No)  
  
Explain  
  
We do not recover a portion of the LE costs directly associated with privately sponsored OHV events where sponsors have obtained a local permit.
5. The Applicant agrees to implement a public education program that includes information on safety programs available in the area and how to report OHV violations? ☒ Yes ☐ No  
(Please select Yes or No)
6. Describe the Applicant's OHV law enforcement training program including how the training program educates personnel to address OHV safety and natural and cultural resource protection:

Law enforcement officers and forest protection officers are trained as first responders, carry first aid, are CPR trained, and trained in the use of OHV's. The following training courses were completed during 2007-2008 and new seasonal employees will also be provided with this training:

Forest Protection Officer training - 40 hours, plus 8 hour annual refresher.

LEO's receive 31 weeks initial training, plus 40 hours annual refresher.

EMT's maintain annual recertification requirements, 40 hours plus.

CPR

First Aid

OHV Education to the Public - review of annual policy and regulatory changes.

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7. Is the proposed project in accordance with local or federal plans and the OHMVR Division Strategic Plan? (Please select Yes or No) ☒ Yes ☐ No
8. LOCAL AGENCIES ONLY - Describe the Applicant's policies and/or agreements regarding enforcement on federal land:
9. COUNTIES ONLY - Describe how the OHV in-lieu of tax funds are being used and whether the use of these fees complements the Applicant's project:

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10. APPLICANTS WHO MANAGE OHV RECREATION FACILITIES – Describe how your organization is meeting its operation and maintenance needs:
- The Humboldt-Toiyabe has felt the growing demand of OHV use, and is struggling to meet and maintain operations and maintenance needs. Appropriated dollars continues to fall that prevents us to hire and rehire seasonal employees to meet the increasing maintenance needs of our Calif. lands. Greensticker funding is increasing to supplement seasonal hires. Management has tried to proactively mitigate the impacts from OSV's and OHV's by implementing education plans of proper use, and to attend many user group meetings. Also, LEO and Recreation managers team-up to educate and promote "sustainability" of the facilities. The Forest has enlisted the volunteer help of many OSV and OHV clubs asking for labor assistance and the actual implementation of site plans to improve recreation opportunities for this fast growing program area.
11. The Applicant agrees to enforce the registration of OHVs and the other provision of Division 16.5 commencing with Section 38000 of the vehicle code and to enforce other applicable laws regarding the operation of OHVs? (Please select Yes or No) ☒ Yes ☐ No

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<b>APPLICANT NAME :</b>	USFS - Humboldt-Toiyabe NF - Patrol District		
<b>PROJECT TITLE :</b>	Law Enforcement	<b>PROJECT NUMBER (Division use only) :</b>	
<b>PROJECT TYPE :</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Acquisition <input type="checkbox"/> Development <input type="checkbox"/> Education & Safety <input type="checkbox"/> Ground Operations <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Law Enforcement <input type="checkbox"/> Planning <input type="checkbox"/> Restoration		
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	Line Item	Qty	Rate	UOM	Grant Request	Match	Total
<b>DIRECT EXPENSES</b>							
<b>Program Expenses</b>							
<b>1</b>	<b>Staff</b>						
	Law Enforcement Officers Notes : Bridgeport LEO, Sum/Win	30.000	391.170	DAY	8,000.00	3,735.00	11,735.00
	Law Enforcement Officers Notes : Carson LEO, South Sum/Win	30.000	395.180	DAY	8,000.00	3,855.00	11,855.00
	Law Enforcement Officers Notes : Carson LEO, North Sum/Win	30.000	371.230	DAY	8,000.00	3,137.00	11,137.00
	Other-Forest Protection Officers Winter Notes : Carson FPO(S), Winter, Perm. GS-7 and/or Summer, Temps. GS-5	94.000	228.900	DAY	17,350.00	4,167.00	21,517.00
	Other-Forest Protection Officer Notes : Bridgeport FPO(S), Winter, Perm. GS-7 and/or Summer, Temps. GS-5	94.000	240.340	DAY	17,400.00	5,192.00	22,592.00
	Administration Officer	4.000	505.520		0.00	2,022.00	2,022.00
	<b>Total for Staff</b>				58,750.00	22,108.00	80,858.00
<b>2</b>	<b>Contracts</b>						
<b>3</b>	<b>Materials / Supplies</b>						
	Safety Equipment Notes : Required PPE and Other Safety Related Equipment/Supplies Per Agencies Requirements 3 LEI & 4 Forest	7.000	400.000		2,800.00	0.00	2,800.00
<b>4</b>	<b>Equipment Use Expenses</b>						

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	Vehicle Operations and Maintenance Notes : 3 LEI & 4 Forest	7.000	350.000	EA	2,450.00	0.00	2,450.00
5	Equipment Purchases						
6	Others						
7	Administrative Costs						
Total Program Expenses					64,000.00	22,108.00	86,108.00
TOTAL DIRECT EXPENSES					64,000.00	22,108.00	86,108.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES					64,000.00	22,108.00	86,108.00

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	Line Item	Grant Request	Match	Total	Narrative
<b>DIRECT EXPENSES</b>					
<b>Program Expenses</b>					
1	Staff	58,750.00	22,108.00	80,858.00	
2	Contracts	0.00	0.00	0.00	
3	Materials / Supplies	2,800.00	0.00	2,800.00	
4	Equipment Use Expenses	2,450.00	0.00	2,450.00	
5	Equipment Purchases	0.00	0.00	0.00	
6	Others	0.00	0.00	0.00	
7	Administrative Costs	0.00	0.00	0.00	
<b>Total Program Expenses</b>		64,000.00	22,108.00	86,108.00	
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**ITEM 1 and ITEM 2**

**ITEM 1**

- a. ITEM 1 - Has a CEQA Notice of Determination (NOD) been filed for the Project? ☐ Yes ☒ No  
(Please select Yes or No)

**ITEM 2**

- b. ITEM 2 - Are the proposed activities a "Project" under CEQA Guidelines Section 15378? ☐ Yes ☒ No  
(Please select Yes or No)
- c. The Application is requesting funds solely for personnel and support to enforce OHV laws and ensure public safety. These activities would not cause any physical impacts on the environment and are thus not a "Project" under CEQA. (Please select Yes or No) ☒ Yes ☐ No
- d. Other. Explain why proposed activities would not cause any physical impacts on the environment and are thus not a "Project" under CEQA. DO NOT complete ITEMS 3 – 9

**ITEM 3 - Impact of this Project on Wetlands**

**ITEM 4 - Cumulative Impacts of this Project**

**ITEM 5 - Soil Impacts**

**ITEM 6 - Damage to Scenic Resources**

**ITEM 7 - Hazardous Materials**

Is the proposed Project Area located on a site included on any list compiled pursuant to Section 65962.5 of the California Government Code (hazardous materials)? (Please select Yes or No) ☐ Yes ☒ No

If YES, describe the location of the hazard relative to the Project site, the level of hazard and the measures to be taken to minimize or avoid the hazards.

**ITEM 8 - Potential for Adverse Impacts to Historical or Cultural Resources**

Would the proposed Project have potential for any substantial adverse impacts to historical or cultural resources? (Please select Yes or No) ☐ Yes ☒ No

If YES, describe the potential impacts and for any substantially adverse changes in the significance of historical or cultural resources and measures to be taken to minimize or avoid the impacts.

**ITEM 9 - Indirect Significant Impacts**

**CEQA/NEPA Attachment**